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Police seek public's assistance in keeping streets accessible during National Night Out

August 4th is the National Night Out which is a time for communities to come together in a night out against crime. In years past, the City of Edmonds and Edmonds PD have taken part in Edmonds Night Out with a main event held at the Frances Anderson Center playfield. The Edmonds Police Foundation has traditionally sponsored this event but was unable to do so this year. Communities are now rallying together to provide gatherings for their neighborhoods. The Edmonds Police Department would like to remind all citizens that the blocking of streets for events such as this is unlawful.

"While we very much support the efforts of our residents to come together, the safety and liability considerations associated with an unauthorized street closures are not worth the potential risks. We have to be able to maintain resident and emergency vehicle access to all roads." Jim Lawless, Assistant Chief of Police.

There is an extensive permitting process and stringent requirements that must be met for road closures. Edmonds PD is grateful for the relationship that it has with its residents and applauds the communities who are organizing neighborhood events. If you are hosting an event please feel free to let EPD know and they will do all they can to have an officer make an appearance at your event. [Edmonds Police online contact](#)

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